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April 1961 as the ryots have become accustomed to plant protection measures. But at present in respect of food crops the chemicals are supplied at concessional rates (25 per cent) throughout the year without the need for declaring the area as pest-affected, while in respect of non-food crops such as groundnut concessional sale (at 50 per cent) is effected, as a special case whenever there is representation for such concessional sale.

3. Sprayers and dusters have also been sold at half cost by the Agriculture Department as well as by the Block Development Officers. These measures have encouraged many cultivators to become self-dependent as far as appliances for treating the crops in the field are concerned. A large number of power and hand operated sprayers and dusters have also been purchased and hired out to the ryots willing to take up pest control measures on a large scale. These equipments have gained great popularity in recent years and this is another proof of the active interest taken by the ryots in the control of pests and diseases. Every effort is being made from time to time to combat the pests and the grains in storage. As and when new problems arise they are taken to the notice of the research workers for investigation and suggestion of suitable remedies.

APPENDIX VII.

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 1632-G, asked by Sri V. K. Kothandaraman at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 19th September 1961, page 169 supra.]

(அ) List of centres in Madras State where prices of commodities are recorded—

Madras City.

Chingleput district—
Chingleput.
Kancheepuram.
Tiruvallur.
Poonamallee.
Saidapet.
Ponneri.
Tiruttani.
Sriperumbudur.
Uthiramerur.
Pennalurpet.
Pallipet.
Guduvancheri.
Kunnathur.

South Arcot district—
Cuddalore.
Panruti.
Villupuram.
Thittagudi.
Virdhachalam.
Kallakurichi.
Nellikuppam.
Gingee

South Arcot district—*cont.*
Kattumannarkoil.
Tirukoilur..
Tindivanam.
Chidambaram.
Puliyur.
Agaram.

North Arcot district—
Vellur.
Tiruvannamalai.
Gudiyatham.
Arcot.
Walajapet.
Arni.
Polur.
Cheyyar.
Arkonam.
Tirupathur.
Ranipet.
Wandivash.
Chengam.
Ambur.

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Salem district—

Salem.
Krishnagiri.
Dharmapuri.
Hosur.
Harur.
Rasipuram.
Denkanikottah.
Uthangarai.
Athur.
Omalur.
Sankaridrug.
Pennagaram.
Namakkal.
Paramathi.
Tiruchengode.
Yercaud.
Kondalampatty.
Veppanapalli.
Mecheri.

Coimbatore district—

Coimbatore.
Erode.
Mettupalayam.
Pollachi.
Tiruppur.
Dharapuram.
Kangayam.
Udumalpet.
Avanashi.
Perundurai.
Bhavani.
Satyamangalam.
Gobichettipalayam.
Kinathukadavu.
Sivagiri.

Tiruchirappalli district—

Tiruchirappalli.
Karur.
Manapparai.
Lalgudi.
Pudukottai.
Udayarpalayam.
Ariyalur.
Alangudy.
Kolathur.
Aravakurichi.
Perambalur.
Kulithalai.
Musiri.
Thuraiyur.
Jayakondan.
Thirumayam.
Thulayanatham.

Thanjavur district—

Thanjavur.
Kumbakonam.
Kodavasal.
Nagapattinam.
Mannargudi.
Koradacheri.
Tiruvarur.
Papanasam.
Mayuram.
Shiyali.
Tranquebar.
Tiruvadamarudur.
Vedaranyam.
Thiruthuraipoondi.
Needamangalam.
Valangiman.
Tiruvadanai.
Orathanadu.
Pattukottai.
Muthupet.
Arantangi.
Tiruvaiyaru.

Madurai district—

Madurai.
Periyakulam.
Nilakottai.
Theni.
Venkatachalapura.
Thirumangalam.
Dindigul.
Palani.
Pattiveeranpatty.
Bodinaickanur.
Melur.
Usilampatti.
Vedasandhur.
Kodaikanal.
Uthamapalayam.
Eriodu.
Gokilapuram.

Ramanathapuram district—

Ramanathapuram.
Virudhunagar.
Mudukalathur.
Aruppukottai.
Paramakudi.
Sivaganga.
Thiruvadanai.
Sathur.
Srivilliputhur.

Tirunelveli district—

Tirunelveli.
Tuticorin.
Kovilpatti.

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Tirunelveli district—*cont.*
Sankarankoil.
Tenkasi.
Ambasamudram.
Nanguneri.
Radhapuram.
Srivaikuntam.
Vilathikulam.
Thiruchendur.
Sathankulam.
Shencottah.
Palayamkottai.

The Nilgiris district—
Ootacamund.
Gudalur.
Coonoor.

Kanyakumari district—
Nagercoil.
Kuzhithurai.
Marthandam.
Thovala.
Agatheeswaram.
Kalkulam.
Vilavancode.

(இ) & (உ) The existing rates of Dearness Allowance paid to the employees of this Government are in line with the rates adopted by the Central Government, which are based on the All-India Cost of living index.

APPENDIX VIII.

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 1632-L, asked by Sri V. Subbiah at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 19th September 1961, page 171 supra.]

(*a*) The statement below shows the number of applications received prior to 1st April 1960 and during 1960–61 in the various districts of this State under the Rice Milling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1958 (which came into force with effect from 22nd April 1959) and the number disposed of :—

District.	Number of applications received under the Rice Milling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1958 prior to 1st April 1960 and the number out of them disposed of. (*a*)		Number of applications received during 1960–61 (i.e., from 1st April 1960 to 31st March 1961) and the number disposed of. (*b*)		The total number of applications received, finally disposed of and pending during 1959–60 and 1960–61 [columns (*a*) and (*b*) clubbed]. (*c*)		
	Number received.	Number disposed of.	Number received.	Number disposed of.	Number received.	Number disposed of.	Number pending.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Madras.. ..	9	3	2	..	11	3	8
Chingleput ..	169	155	218	133	387	288	99
South Arcot ..	87	42	90	14	177	56	121
North Arcot ..	130	41	36	3	166	44	122
Madurai ..	107	60	74	18	181	78	103
Ramanathapuram.	93	34	3	..	96	34	62
Tirunelveli ..	105	65	46	11	151	76	75
Salem	339	18	91	330	430	348	82
Coimbatore ..	305	101	186	18	491	119	372
Tiruchirappalli.	38	38	20	17	58	55	3
Thanjavur ..	344	85	102	5	446	90	356
Kanyakumari..	31	24	19	11	50	35	15
The Nilgiris ..	3	3	1	1	4	4	..